City of Newport Beach, CA

City Manager's Newsletter

TO:

Mayor Henn & Council Members

FROM:

Dave Kiff, City Manager

DATE:

January 7, 2011





ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ACCOUNTING + OMB + IT + FINANCE & TREASURY + REVENUE

January 7, 2011

TO:

DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

FROM:

Tracy McCraner, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer

SUBJECT:

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The City Council Finance Committee will meet in the Council Chambers at 2 PM on Monday, January 10th. The agenda is attached.

DONATIONS & GRANTS

The City Manager accepted the following donations or grants on behalf of the City during the quarter ending December 31, 2010. Council Policy F-3, Section C.2, states the Council is to be formally notified each quarter of the acceptance of such funds. A total of \$16,139 was accepted.

SOURCE	DATE	AMOUNT	USE
Library Donations	11-1-10	\$1,239	Literacy Program
Southern California Gas Company	11-23-10	\$2,500	"Helping 100 Businesses in 100 Days" Lunch
Newport Beach Public Library Foundation	12-1-10	\$2,500	Establish Blu Ray DVD Collection at the Balboa Branch Library
OASIS Donations	12-3-10	\$4,900	Signs and Shelving for OASIS
ProLiteracy	12-13-10	\$5,000	Literacy Program

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER CHANGE OF LOCATION

In early December the City's Internet Service Provider, Covad Wireless, notified IT Operations that by the end of December they would no longer be able to provide internet service to the City at the current City Hall location. This notice gave less than 30 days to change the way employees and the public conduct business with the City through the Internet. The reason behind the change was that Covad Wireless was pulling its antennas off the rooftop at Hoag Hospital and would be moving them to a more cost effective facility which was no longer in the line of site of City Hall.

After learning the location of the new antennas, IT Operations determined that the Utilities yard was in the line of site and quickly began working to get the connection changed. With the help and cooperation of Utilities staff, IT Operations got a new

antenna erected and service running at no additional cost to the City. Over the Christmas holiday closure, Joey Bensie and Micheal Wojciechowski completed the move of all equipment, security firewalls and routers to the new location at the Utilities yard with minimal impact to City operations.

In addition to the move, IT Operations changed the way the City fails over to a backup Internet connection. If the City's Internet connection goes down, the City now fails over to the Central Library and if the Central Library's connection goes down, they will fail over to the City's Internet connection. This change allowed the City to cancel service of a much slower backup Internet connection resulting in a \$500/month savings.

KONICA-MINOLTA BILLING ERRORS

IT Operations took over responsibility of managing all the copier contracts throughout the City in January of 2010. Upon reviewing the original contracts and carefully comparing the invoices received from Konica-Minolta regarding the majority of copiers in service around the City, IT Operations discovered discrepancies in the per copy charge billed to the City. IT contacted the representative and notified him of the billing errors; after more than six months, the City was compensated for the errors and received a credit of roughly \$4700.

VMWARE UPGRADE FROM 3.5 TO 4.1

During the week of December 13th, Library Information Systems Administrator Sean Bearly and IT Operations performed the upgrade of the Library's virtualization environment from VMWare ESX 3.5 to VMWare vSphere 4.1. The Library's virtualization environment consists of 16 virtual machines/servers which perform the majority of the tasks that enable the Library to conduct business. The following week, after the successful completion of the upgrade at the Library, IT Operations upgraded the City's virtualization environment as well. The City's virtualization environment consists of 32 virtual machines/servers and is vital to the City's operations. These servers consist of Web servers, file servers, anti-virus management servers, etc. The upgrade at the Library and City Hall substantially improves performance of the servers and will allow the City to run on the current hardware for a longer period of time saving money in the long run.

NEW STAFF IN CASHIERING

Cashiering has been lucky enough to hire two fresh new faces that customers will enjoy frequenting when making their payments. Meg Condon, full-time fiscal clerk and Leah Lauterio, part-time fiscal clerk, are both motivated in providing excellent customer service to customers and City employees alike. Please stop by the cashiers' window and welcome Meg and Leah as they are excited about meeting and working with everyone in and around City Hall. Both Meg and Leah have written a brief introduction below.

My name is **Meg Condon** and I'm very excited that I am now a fiscal clerk. I started with the City of Newport Beach in May of 2008 as a part-time office assistant in the Recreation Department. I have been visiting Newport Beach for as long as I can remember, and found out so much more about this town while working in Rec. Before I found my way to the City, I worked for a director/producer and Nordstrom as a (gasp) cashier where I was able to sharpen my customer service skills even more. I grew up and currently live in Irvine, but am hoping to move to Orange within the next few months. I am currently in school at IVC and slowly but surely working towards a degree-in what, I'm still figuring out. I am so happy that I am a part of this great department and already I am starting to feel at home here. Can't wait to see what the future holds!

My name is **Leah Lauterio** and I have been incredibly blessed to be hired as a part-time fiscal clerk in the Revenue Division. I have been working with the City of Newport Beach since 2006 as a part-time parking lot attendant. The City Parking Operations has been quite an adventure the past few years. I have gained valuable customer service experience that I will use the rest of my life, including to always read signs before asking questions. This past year, I earned my B.S. in Kinesiology from Cal State Fullerton. After running competitively for over ten years, athletics and the human body have always been of interest to me. I am very passionate about serving God. I love going to church, where I sing on the worship team and occasionally play guitar. I am very thankful to join everyone at City Hall and I hope to be a positive addition to the lovely staff.

FY 2009-10 CAFR AVAILABLE ON CITY'S WEBSITE

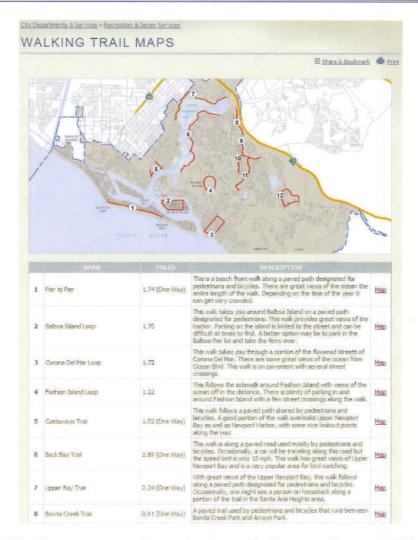
The City of Newport Beach Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010, is now available on the City's website at http://www.newportbeachca.gov/financialinfo.

The City Charter and California state law require that the City issue annually a complete set of financial statements and that independent accountants audit this report in conformance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS). The CAFR was prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

If you have any questions regarding the City's CAFR, please contact Accounting Manager Rukshana Virany, at (949) 644-3146, or rvirany@newportbeachca.gov.

WALKING TRAIL MAPS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB

Recreation and GIS teamed up to create a website where residents can view and print walking trails/routes in Newport Beach. The website has twelve walking trails listed with the total distance in miles, a brief description and a more detailed map that can be printed of each trail. The website can be found on the City's home page, under Recreation & Senior Services.



http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1739



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Blvd., Newport Beach Monday, January 10, 2011 – 2:00 PM

Committee Members:

Mike Henn, Mayor, Chair Keith Curry, Council Member Leslie Daigle, Council Member

Staff Members:

Dave Kiff, City Manager
Dana Smith, Assistant City Manager
Tracy McCraner, Finance Director
Dan Matusiewicz, Deputy Finance Director

ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for the Finance Committee meeting of November 8, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited on any matter of public interest. Speakers must limit comments to three minutes.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Pension Valuation Rick Santos, PERS Actuary (45 minutes)
- B. Investment Manager Recommendations (5 minutes)
- C. Parking RFQ "Top 3" Status (5 minutes)
- D. Hoag Bonds (10 minutes)
- E. Current Revenue Trends (10 minutes)
- F. Potential State Budget Impacts on the City (5 minutes)

5. MATTERS WHICH A COMMITTEE MEMBER MAY WISH TO PLACE ON A FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

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This committee is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Committee's agenda be posted at least 72 hours in advance of each meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Committee and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. The Committee may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally either 3 or 5 minutes per person.

It is the intention of the City of Newport Beach to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, the City of Newport Beach will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Tammie Frederickson, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible (949-644-3127 or <a href="mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.org/mailto:team.



BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENTS

To:

Dave Kiff, City Manager

From:

Joel Fick, Interim Community Development Director

Subject:

City Manager's Newsletter

Date:

January 7, 2011

Planning Department

Economic Development Update

Staff has been working with OPIS Network to finalize details for the upcoming "Helping 100 Businesses for 100 Days" workshop series. At the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee, the city has partnered with OPIS Network, a consulting firm, to offer local business owners free access to expert advice on how they can adapt and grow their businesses in response to the changing economic conditions. The kick-off event for this workshop series will be held on Saturday, January 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the OASIS Senior Center in Corona del Mar. A free luncheon will be provided to attendees who RSVP. Southern California Gas Company has stepped up as a "Community Development Partner" sponsor, funding the luncheon portion of the event. "Business Partner" sponsors of the morning coffee and continental breakfast include Southern California Edison and Colony West Business Risk Solutions of Orange. For more information or to RSVP for the event, please visit http://www.help100days.com.

New Applications

- A comprehensive sign permit application was submitted for a shopping center at 1000 Irvine Avenue. (Westcliff Plaza).
- General Plan/LCP amendment applications were submitted to change the land use designation of a property at 3014 W. Balboa Boulevard from Neighborhood Commercial to Mixed-Use Vertical (Gallo's).

- A telecommunications permit application was submitted to install antennas on a parking structure at 309 Palm Street (AT&T).
- A telecommunications permit application was submitted to install antennas on a church building at 3100 Pacific View Drive (AT&T).
- A telecommunications permit application was submitted to install antennas on a motel building at 1800 W. Balboa Boulevard (AT&T).

Quick Hits

Staff received an inquiry at the public counter regarding a neighbor establishing his or her home as a "vacation rental by owner" in an R-1 district. The gentleman inquiring was concerned and wanted to know whether or not this was a permitted use. Staff assured him that short term lodging was not permitted for any parcel designated for single-family residential use and referred him to Section 5.95.020 of the Municipal Code. The gentleman was elated at the response and Code Enforcement was further notified of the non-permitted use.

Staff received a tenant improvement for a metal finishing facility in West Newport. The proposed tenant improvement involved large machinery placed on the rooftop as well as several interior structural alterations. After careful analysis, staff referred the applicant to Section 20.30.020 of the newly adopted Zoning Code and requested improvements be made to the screening of the proposed rooftop equipment.

Welcome Back, Melinda



Assistant Planner Melinda Whelan returned to work this week after being out on maternity leave since mid-July. In addition to plan checks and case processing, Melinda assists with the updates of the Housing Element and the Zoning Code. Her presence was sorely missed. No word on whether 4 ½ month old Mick will be assisting her with plan checks.

Kudos to Staff

"I wanted to thank you for the assistance with the recent McKee & Co tenant improvement project in Corona Del Mar Plaza. The build-out will be a wonderful addition to not only the CDM Plaza but also as a neighbor to the new City Hall project

along Avocado. Your willingness to meet and offer your expertise regarding the unique planned community text was very much appreciated. We look forward to many more opportunities in open discussions with you in the future."

Dan Dickinson, Recupero and Associates, Inc.

Building Department

Slope Failure in Corona Del Mar

On January 3, 2011, the Building Department responded to a slope failure in the 200 block of Carnation Avenue in Corona Del Mar. The slope failure severed a private sewer line which serves seven residential units in two buildings. Dye tests were performed to locate the source of the leak. The Building Department placed yellow "limited entry" tags on two homes due to the severed sewer. A private contractor is clearing debris from the slope before repairs can begin. The city is working with the owners, contractors, and plumbers on a temporary connection to allow occupancy.





Construction Activity

Construction valuation of building permits issued during November 2010 was \$17,187,359. Construction valuation for the first five months of this fiscal year was \$93,152,383 compared with \$60,346,913 for the same period of the prior year. This reflects a significant increase in construction activity.

The number of plans submitted into plan check during the same period is also significantly higher than last year. This typically translates into an increase in future construction activity after permits are issued for these projects. (See attached reports.)

Customer Activity

There was a rush to submit drawings into plan check during the month of December under the 2007 California Building Code. New 2010 California Building Codes became effective on January 1, 2011. (See attached report.)

Kudos from Customers

In October, Neiman Marcus suffered a fire sprinkler leak with major areas of the store closed for repairs that were projected to take 90 days to complete. The job was completed in four weeks and all areas of the store were reopened by Thanksgiving.

"The Neiman Marcus project manager consistently emphasized the positive approach and cooperation they received from the City of Newport Beach, and specifically the building inspector (Principal Building Inspector Ray Baltera), and that your timely and practical approach to the required inspections was critical to their success in getting the restoration work completed and 100% back on line so rapidly. On behalf of the Fashion Island and Irvine Company, thank you."

Keith C. Ryrich, President, Irvine Company Retail Properties

The Building Department also received this note from a customer:

"This Building Department is so FAR ABOVE and beyond all other building departments throughout So. Cal. Having worked with a lot of cities, the system Newport Beach has really streamlined the process along with the courteous staff. Thank you."

Cameron (CJ) Carty, Carty General Contracting

Attachments



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

3300 NEWPORT BLVD.
P.O.BOX 1768, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92658-8915
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REVENUE REPORT - MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

Current Month	Previous Month	FY to Date	Previous FY to Date
\$376,954.08	\$360,696.52	\$1,947,651.24	\$1,415,746.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUE *

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\$7,449.22	\$44,694.39	\$32,821.00
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DETAILED BREAKDOWN

Breakdown		Number	Revenue
Plan Check (Building) 5023	2900-5002		\$128,354.02
Plan Check (Energy)	2900-5017		\$7,153.78
Plan Check (Disabled)	2900-5018	201	\$3,686.90
Plan Check (Grading)	2900-5004		\$12,202.66
Plan Check (Harbor)	2900-4627		\$1,022.79
Building/Combination Permits	2900-4610	260	\$143,322.47
Grading Permits	2900-4614	**	\$16,683.00
Electrical Permits	2900-4612	** 67	\$19,084.68
Plumbing Permits	2900-4616	** 34	\$12,756.30
Mechanical Permits	2900-4618	** 48	\$11,875.23
Pool/Spa Permits	2900-4622	9	\$3,543.10
Harbor Permits	2900-4628	7	\$3,429.95
Residential Building Records	2900-5005	83	\$12,602.10
Misc. 4621, 4858, 5001, 5019, 5021, 5228	2900-5008		\$1,237.10
Plan Check (Fire) *	2330-5055		\$5,542.77
Fire Permits *	2330-5057	44	\$4,140.08

^{*} Plan Check and inspections of fire sprinklers & fire alarm is performed cooperatively with Fire Prevention Bureau

^{**} Additional permits issued as part of combination permits

	Current Month	Previous Month	Fiscal Year To Date	Previous FY To Date
Total Inspections (Including items listed below)	2,677	2,565	13,031	12,614
RBR Insp.'s	84	104	441	517
Insp.'s Related to Complaints	193	234	997	1,232
Building Code Enforcement	0	0	3	65

Faisal Jurdi, Deputy Building Official

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CONSTRUCTION REPORT - MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

	Current Month	Previous Month	Fiscal Year To Date	Previous FY To Date
Total Valuation:	\$17,187,359	\$16,546,662	\$93,152,383	\$60,346,913
Building/Combo Permits:	260	266	1,271	1,008
Total Permits:	469	480	2,337	1,808
Plan Submittals:	201	196	989	858

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

	Number	Valuation	Dwelling Units
One-Family Buildings	2	\$1,231,020	2
Two-Family Buildings	1	\$300,000	** 1
Religious Buildings	2	\$475,000	
Patios/Decks/Trellis	9	\$553,800	
Pools/Spas	9	\$224,500	
Harbor	7	\$235,100	
Residential Additions/Alterations	115	\$5,974,845	
Commercial Additions/Alterations	28	\$6,544,330	
Fire Sprinkler/Alarms/Misc.	44	\$259,254	
Demolitions:			
One-Family Buildings	6	\$44,300	(6)
Two-Family Buildings	2	\$9,000	(2)
Other Than Dwelling	2	\$7,000	(-)
Miscellaneous: Re-roofs (53) Fences/Retaining Walls (15) Signs/Banners (6) * Misc. (19)	93	\$1,329,210	
TOTALS:	320	\$17,187,359	(5)

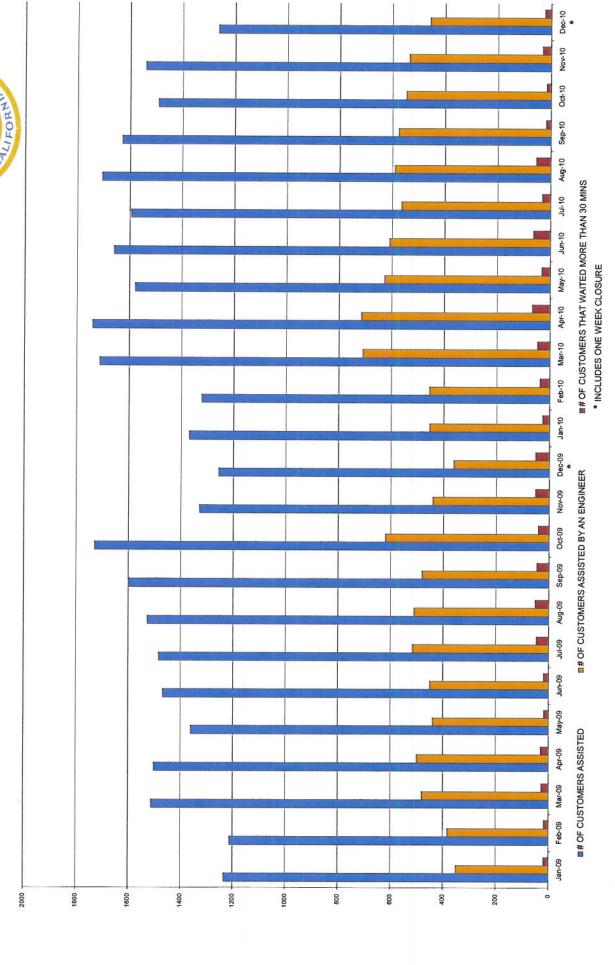
^{*} Includes processing permits/change of contractor/fire damage repair/deck dry-rot repair

** \$cope of project was to add one unit

Faisal Jurdi, Deputy Building Official

City of Newport Beach Building Department January 2009 - December 2010 Customer Log

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Newport Beach Fire Department Office of the Fire Chief

DATE:

December 7, 2011

TO:

Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM:

Mike Morgan, Fire Chief

SUBJECT:

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

Newport Beach Fire Department Receives New Engines

The Newport Beach Fire Department recently placed two new 2011 Pierce Fire Engines into service at our Lido Fire Station and Fashion Island Fire Station

The two new Fire Engines will be replacing two tenyear-old American La France Engines.

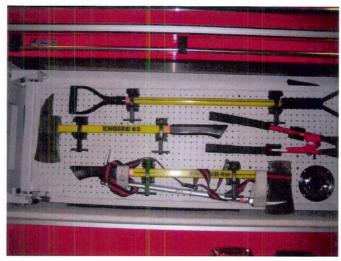
Some of the new features of the Pierce Engines are:

- Cleaner burning, low emission diesel engines.
- Increased storage capacity- by more than 30%.
 - More efficient use of storage space by utilizing all surfaces in cabinets.
 - Additional storage allows Engine to carry equipment for all types of incidents.
 - More room for specialized equipment.
 - Doubled storage space of medical equipment.
 - Easier access to equipment allows for quicker response to incidents.
 - Storage box inside the cab of the Engine allows firefighters to be more organized.
- For added firefighter safety, they are equipped with frontal airbags (unique because only Pierce Engines offer this.)
- Independent front suspension for improved handling during emergency operations and code 3 driving.
- Scene Lighting (LED) for nighttime incidents.
 - Assists firefighters by not only illuminating the scene, but also increases safety of firefighters while working a nighttime incident.
 - Increases firefighters efficiency by reducing the number of lights they need to set up at a scene.



- Increased functionality in design to allow Engine to maneuver throughout the diverse geography of the City.
- Storage space within the apparatus for ladders. This will extend the life of the ladders and keep the ladders clean. (Dirt on the ladders can be dangerous for firefighters by causing them to become slippery during an incident.)





All of these added features will allow us to better serve the community by allowing firefighters to more efficiently and quickly respond to diverse types of incidents. The new Engines features were designed by Newport Beach firefighters utilizing their expertise and with their needs in mind.

The Engines will provide front line service to the city for ten years and will eventually go into reserve status in 2021. They will serve another five years in the reserve capacity, completing their service in 2026. The cost per Engine was \$480,000 plus all applicable taxes. The two current reserve Engines will be sold at auction. The Fire Department sets aside money each year in a vehicle replacement fund to ensure that its equipment remains in top-working order for numerous years.

Pierce also maintains excellent service on repairs and parts. This increased service would reduce fire apparatus downtime should the Engine need repairs. Additionally, the delivery of the Fire Engines occurred one month before schedule, which is greatly appreciated by the department.

December Storm Damage

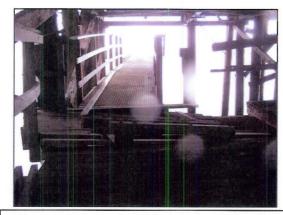
On December 18-23, Orange County experienced a series of severe winter storms. These storms caused flooding, mudslides, beach erosion, and power outages throughout the County. Due to the severity of the storms, Orange County Board of Supervisor Janet Nguyen, proclaimed a Local Emergency on behalf of all cities and jurisdictions in Orange County. The Local Emergency Proclamation was then sent to the Governor who declared a State of Emergency for Orange as well as six other counties. Acting Governor Maldonado also sent a letter to President Obama requesting a Presidential Declaration. At this time, Orange County has not yet received a Presidential Declaration.

By receiving a State of Emergency Declaration, the City is eligible to recoup 75% of all cost incurred during the storms. In the end, 12 city facilities were affected; a mudslide in China Cove, the ramp at the end of the Newport Beach Pier was damaged, two ocean buoys were

swept away, and large amounts of debris had to be removed. The total cost that we are seeking for reimbursement, including overtime, is \$462,000. State and FEMA representatives will be touring the city's damage sites on January 5 and 6. If you have any questions about our reimbursement claim, please contact Katie Eing.



Mudslide at China Cove



Ramp at the end of Newport Beach Pier

2010 Statistics

Average Response Time: 4 min. 31 sec.

NUMBER RESPONSES BY UNIT

Station 1- Balboa Peninsula Engine 61	527	Station 6- Mariners Engine 66	1,112
Station 2-Lido Fire Station Engine 62 Engine 262	1,930 3	Station 7- Santa Ana Heights Engine 67	1,233
Medic 62 Medic 262 Squad 62 Truck 62	2,717 8 100 734	Station 8- Newport Coast Engine 68 Engine 268	682 2
Station 3-Fashion Island		Incidents in Jurisdiction	9,004
Battalion 6 Battalion 7 Engine 63 Engine 263 Medic 63 Medic 263 Truck 63	293 3 1,626 9 2,732 10 813	Fire Medical Hazardous Materials Other Emergencies Service Incidents out of Jurisdiction	231 6,705 102 1,153 813
Station 4-Balboa Island Engine 64	831	Fire Medical	104 443
Station 5-Corona del Mar Engine 65 Medic 65	1,279 1,874	Hazardous Materials Other Emergencies Service Strike Teams	16 149 50 4

Lifeguards

Medical Aids	199
First-Aids	4,836
Rescues	2,190
After Hours Call Outs	66
Boat Rescues	13
Boater Assists	31
Boater Warnings	111
Surfer Warnings	8,323
Dog Warnings	558
Lost Persons Reunited	364
Preventive Actions-(In Water)	65,644
Preventive Actions-(Out of Water)	10,605
Public Contacts	145,613
Beach Attendance (est) 7	,102,150
Beach Fatalities	1
Total Units Dispatched	18,817



DATE:

January 7, 2011

TO:

Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM:

Terri L. Cassidy, Director of Human Resources

SUBJECT:

News from HR and Risk Management

HR FINDS WAYS OF GIVING BACK - RECYCLED HOLIDAY CARD PROGRAM - ST. JUDE'S RANCH FOR CHILDREN

During the holidays, many City departments find ways to give back to the community and help others by way of donations and time. With the new year, Human Resources has found a program called *Recycled Card Program*, which is operated by Kids Corp. for the Children at St. Jude's Ranch to continue the City's tradition of helping those less fortunate.

HR is collecting any "usable" card received during the holiday season for St. Jude's. A "usable" card does not have writing behind the front of the card (so that the back can be removed and replaced) and is not a Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting card (due to copyright protection).

Kids Corp. will attach the front of the recycled card to a new back, so the card may be recycled. Cards are sold in packs of 10 for \$10.00, and can be purchased by visiting the website http://www.stjudesranch.org/store/, calling 877-977-SJRC (7572) or by mail – St. Jude's Ranch for Children, ATTN: Donor Office, P.O. Box 60100, Boulder City, NV 89006-0100. The funds are used to provide programs and basic necessities for kids.

To learn more about the program go to http://www.stjudesranch.org/help_card.php.

Thanks to those City staff members who have already sent in usable cards to be recycled for this good cause.

2011 BENEFITS HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to 2011! Here are a few benefit highlights that Human Resources would like to bring to your attention for the new year:

There will be a \$100 monthly increase in the cafeteria allowance reflected on the January 14th paycheck for miscellaneous bargaining units.

All employees who participate in the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) plan should have received their Flex Cards in the mail and some individuals have reported receiving multiple cards. A letter has been sent to all participants apologizing for the duplication. We confirmed with Employee Benefit Specialists (EBS) that all cards are identical and linked to the same account. Subscribers may discard the extra cards or distribute them to their spouse/dependent. If the card is distributed to a spouse/dependent, please note that your verbal or written consent may be required for use.

We would also like to remind you that effective January 1, 2011, over the counter purchases are no longer qualified eligible expenses and cannot be purchased with the Flex Card unless prescribed by a health care professional. For more information, please visit the EBS website at www.ebsbenefits.com. For information on how to use the flex card please visit www.myflexonline.com, and remember to keep your receipts!

As approved by the Benefits Information Committee (BIC), we are now offering Delta Dental. Employees enrolled in either PPO or HMO dental insurance should have received benefit cards in the mail. All open enrollment benefit elections are now in effect. If there are any questions regarding these or other benefit items, please contact Human Resources.

KELSEY'S KORNER – by Kelsey Nash, Office Assistant HR Recruitment Center



HUGH LOGAN, CHAIRPERSON NEWPORT BEACH CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Last month, I had the pleasure of sitting down and getting to know a little more about Hugh Logan, Civil Service Board Chairman. Hugh is in his 4th term on the City's Civil Service Board. In a civics class in high school, Hugh had an assignment to work for a candidate and learn about the political system; from there his interest peaked. He joined

the Newport Beach Civil Service Board as a way to serve, using his life experience.

What he enjoys most about being Chairman for the CSB is the difference he can make in the community and to motivate employees to do their jobs better. The CSB prides themselves on their integrity, independence and fairness, serving as an independent body able to provide an outside perspective. They are the last step for an employee's appeal argument to be heard before pursuing it in court. The CSB works hard to provide fairness to all.

Hugh's famous argument in any given situation is "Go ask 3 people on the streets of Newport what their opinion is". This says a lot about his character. He is a man who works to provide solutions that are fair to all parties involved. In Hugh's opinion, the CSB's biggest accomplishment to date was getting through investigations of the Police Department in 2009-2010. There were serious allegations presented and the morale of the entire department was at risk. To assist, the Board hired an outside, qualified investigator who had no affiliation with any of the parties involved. One reason they have an unbiased perspective going into these hearings is that the Board is comprised of unpaid citizen volunteers appointed by City Council. The most difficult thing about serving on the CSB is the decisions and conclusions they must come to after all evidence is presented. They have to make sure they remain completely neutral the entire time - before, during and after they hear a matter.

In his spare time, Hugh enjoys sailing, golfing and travel. Visiting the Greek Isles is his most memorable place to date. It was somewhere he had always wanted to go, the people were friendly and he had the opportunity to see many sites famous in world history.



LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Library - Cultural Arts

January 7, 2011

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

Library Services

Happy New Year!

Corona del Mar Branch residents were able to start the New Year with a visit to the library on Monday! In response to requests by the community, the branch will now be open on Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Staff reported that it was a pleasant surprise for many of the residents who just happened to drop by.

Construction Wall Seamlessly Installed

A construction wall was installed on the first floor of the Central Library during the holiday closure. It looks great and customer comments have been favorable. The portion in the Popular Library will be decorated with renderings of the project. There are also signs and brochures detailing the project and its benefits. Children's Services staff carefully created and successfully executed their plan to accommodate the construction wall with minimum disruption to customers or service.

Holiday Book Returns

Thanks to Michael Tran and Daniel Becerra for handling the book drops during the closure. Around 3,000 items were returned to the Central Library alone during the closure. The Circ staff is steadily processing them and the library should be caught up by week's end. Customers missed us during the holidays and the turnout on Monday when we reopened was heavy.

What's Cooking

Season Two of What's Cooking at the Library is about to kick off with another impressive line-up of local chefs and culinary experts. Chef Dennis Brask from Five Crowns/SideDoor will return for the first event on Tuesday, January 18. It is almost sold out (as expected) and that's before word of his delicious menu got out. Brask and his talented team of culinary experts will demonstrate cutting-edge gourmet cooking techniques, including "sous vide" and anti-grill preparations that can be done at home.

Brask will be followed by chocolatier Tracey Downey on February 15, Chef Deborah Schneider from Sol Cocina in Newport Beach on March 15; cheese expert Pamela Thompson with Trader Joe's wine buyer James Vorse on April 19; and Chef Don Schoenburg, Executive Chef from Lido Deck Restaurant and Wine Bar on May 17.



Connecting to

Cultural Arts Services

New Artwork on Display at City Hall and Central Library

On Tuesday, January 4 staff installed paintings by artist Miriam Drake at City Hall and on Wednesday, photographs by Stephanie Hager at Central Library. Marketing staff assisted with listing the displays on the City website.

Information on the anniversary of John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961 is being compiled for display in the cases at Central Library. The exhibit will include photographs from the inauguration as well as several items from one of the most historic campaigns in Presidential history.



Oil Paintings by Miriam Drake "Divine Ocean Presence"

"Rocky Cove" by Miriam Drake

From her Laguna studio, Miriam orchestrates large oil paintings that honor the beauty of the natural world, especially the Pacific Ocean, breathing in and expressing the vitality, intelligence, power and tranquility of life. It is through her paintings, primarily, that Miriam shares her love of ocean, sky, waves, surf and the golden landscape with large minimalist expressions on stretched canvas. Her most recent body of 3' x 4' studio

paintings expresses some of the myriad coastal moods of California. Her paintings blend the expansive, peaceful, and serene in an intimate way with energy and motion. Miriam is an intuitive, kinesthetic painter and her paintings reflect this with their sense of grand space, present moment, timelessness and action.

"Visions of Harmony" by Stephanie Hager

The Newport Beach City Arts Commission presents a photographic exhibition by local photographer, Stephanie Hager, at Central Library.

Stephanie relates in her artist's statement that "I love capturing and creating images that provoke feelings in the viewer. I like people to stop and see. By playing with light, color, and patterns, my goal is to engage the viewer and have them feel something. What they feel is always unique to them. This is one of the things I love about art. The evolution of my



artwork corresponds with my evolution as a human being. By becoming more aware of who I am and listening to my inner dialogue – my artwork comes to express itself."



January 7, 2011

TO:

Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM:

Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director

SUBJECT:

City Manager's Newsletter

Year-end Storm Activities

Department Crews were kept busy during the weeks before Christmas and after New Year's Day with the combination of extreme high tides and rain. For some crew members, their work shift began at 4:30 a.m. operating 24 portable and stationary pumps to alleviate the flow of high tide and rain water that flooded streets on the Newport Peninsula and Balboa Island. Over 1,000 sand bags were distributed at nocost to residents during the two week period. By the time that the storms had passed, the season's rainfall total was well above average at 14.57 inches measured at the Corporation Yard.

The season's first significant rain also resulted in the annual flushing of the Santa Ana River and the upper reaches of the Back Bay. The log boom adjacent to the Newport Aquatic Center in the Upper Bay did a good job of corralling some of the debris that was being flushed into the harbor from the San Diego Creek. To date, crews have stockpiled over 210 tons of plastic, Styrofoam, bamboo, reeds, trees, limbs, seaweed, and other natural vegetation debris from the oceanfront beaches. The debris will be hauled away in the coming days.





Strong winds accompanied the storm which resulted in a large amount of public and private trees, palm fronds, leaves, and branches to fall in the public rights-of-way. Contractors, hand crews, and mechanical street sweeping equipment cleared the debris in a timely manner. Crews have also begun the labor-intensive job of hand cleaning the bay beaches around Balboa Island and on the Newport Peninsula, and clearing wind-blown sand from the oceanfront sidewalks, bike trails, and adjacent streets.

A big **thank you** goes out to all crew members who helped out over the holidays ensuring that the City's residents, visitors, and business remained safe, dry, and free from damage. The following are letters that we received from residents praising the excellent work and positive attitude displayed by crew members.







December 28, 2010

Dear Newport Beach City Council, and Newport Beach City Manager,

I just wanted to take a minute and share with you the positive commendation for the city of Newport Beach workers who manned the trucks and equipment in the rain and high tide flasco which occurred on Wednesday, December 22, 2010. I have attached a few pictures of the situation in front of our house but want to express our gratitude for the fine work they did and the positive attitude they exhibited while they worked with rain, waves over the seawall, and flooded conditions at their feet!!!! They were wonderful!!!

I often walk the island in the morning and am impressed with the workers who maintain the bay outlets at the end of our streets. I have often asked them questions and they are most polite and friendly and always attentive to the work at hand. During that storm they were definitely pressed to the wall (literally and figuratively) as they pumped water from overflowing streets and the bay front. They deserve a big THANK YOU from all of us on Balboa Island. We certainly appreciate their fine efforts and accomplishments!

Sincerely,

Marcy & Bob Cook 538 South Bayfront Balboa Island, CA 92662

December 23, 2010

Mayor Keith D. Curry 3300 Newport Boulevard P.O. Box 1768 Newport Beach, CA 92658-8915

Re: Tree Maintenance Buffalo Hills Park

Dear Mayor Curry,

We recently experienced a horrendous rainstorm that demonstrated the high value of our city servants. On the night of December 22 at approximately 10:30 P.M. we heard a tumultuous sound of wood cracking and tiles breaking in back of our house located at 1863 Port Kimberly Place. Further examination disclosed that a large pine in the park adjacent to our neighbors, the Cullens, had split down its trunk and fallen on their roof.

When they called the city, a maintenance crew responded within 30 minutes. Despite the extremely high winds and severely heavy rain, that crew worked heroically until 4 A.M. the next morning with chainsaws and their hydraulic lift until the tree could be removed from the Cullen's rooftop. I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the diligence and dedication demonstrated by the park maintenance personnel involved in this affair.

Hopefully, a new tree will be planted soon to fill the sad void left by the beautiful pine.

Sincerely,

Jahn B. Cobb

Big Canyon Reservoir - Back Online

The Water Production Division finished the disinfection upgrades and was able to get Big Canyon Reservoir back in service on schedule. While the reservoir was down for cover repairs, crews were able to take advantage of the down time to do some

maintenance of their own. They rebuilt the piping for the chlorine disinfection system in order to eliminate leaks, removed unnecessary connections, and simplified the system. They also installed new stainless steel injection quills on the effluent chlorine and ammonia injection points. The new quills are easily inspected without having to shut the reservoir down and bleed pressure off the line. They can be removed, inspected and maintained while still in service. The crew also did some cover cleaning. While the reservoir was empty, mud and debris was



removed from all the troughs. It was a lot of work, but with help from the Wastewater Division personnel and equipment, the reservoir is full again and running smoothly.

Three New Water Valves in Newport Heights

The Water Maintenance & Repair Division replaced one broken 6-inch valve and added two 8-inch valves in Newport Heights at the intersection of St. Andrews Road and Clay Street. These three mainline water distribution valves will allow for a quicker and easier shut down of the water main, which means less street damage and flooding from a main break. It will also isolate a smaller section of water main allowing more residents to retain their water service during a service interruption.





The Galley Café Project is Finally Complete



For many years, City sewer crews have been required to clean the Galley Café sewer lines bi-monthly due to the grease build-up that restaurants, such as the Galley, can produce. John Janis Plumbing was hired to install a grease trap, grease lines and reroute existing sanitary sewer lines. Municipal Operations crews helped with excavation, back filling, painting and providing a new concrete sidewalk. The installation of the new grease trap will reduce the amount of build up in the sewer lines in

the area and prevent any sewer spills into the bay. Special thanks to John Janis Plumbing, crews from the Engineering, Wastewater, Concrete, and Facilities Maintenance Divisions, Revenue Department, Public Works Department and the Building Department.



NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 7, 2011

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager

FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: NEWSLETTER

"Eagle" Helicopter Rescue



On Wednesday, December 29, members of the Airborne Law Enforcement Unit (A.B.L.E.) Helicopter Program, "Eagle" were requested by Newport Beach Fire and Orange County Sheriff's Harbor Patrol to assist in a search for a capsized boat with two subjects in the ocean. The boat capsized outside of the Corona Del Mar Main Beach harbor entrance, but the heavy surf and wind quickly pushed the boat and the two victims down the

coastline.

When Eagle arrived, OC Fire Boat #2 reported that one victim had made it to the beach, and the other victim was missing. Fire Boat #2 also reported that due to the darkness, heavy surf, and wind, they were having trouble searching for the victim.

Eagle started their search at the initial scene and worked their way south towards Laguna Beach. Eagle Pilot, Newport Beach Police Sergeant, Tom Fischbacher, and Flight Officer, Newport Beach Police Officer, Kent Eischen, utilizing their night vision goggles and forward looking infrared (FLIR), spotted a light bobbing up and down in the large swells. This light was approximately 100 yards offshore at the north end of Crystal Cove State Park. As Eagle flew closer towards the light, the light was turned upwards and towards the aircrew, signaling for help.

Eagle illuminated the victim with the NightSun high-powered light and notified the rescue boats. Eagle then contacted the Newport Beach Fire and Lifeguards and directed them to the victim's location.

Due to the cooperative efforts and dedication of the aircrew, O.C. Sheriff's Harbor Patrol, Newport Beach Fire, and Lifeguards, both victims survived the dangerous ordeal.

Curfew Violators Targeted

On Friday December 17, the Police Department began a concentrated enforcement effort against juvenile curfew violators. This two-week campaign lasted through the school holiday vacation period and was in response to a recent increase in theft-related crimes committed during nighttime hours by juvenile subjects.

The City Curfew Ordinance prohibits any person under the age of 18 from loitering in public streets, alleys, and other public places between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. It was the Police Department's intent to enforce this law as a means to reduce crime while at the same time protecting juveniles from potentially becoming crime victims themselves.

This information was successfully relayed to the Media/Press prior to the event with the hopes of discouraging juvenile offenders. During the two-week campaign, four juveniles were arrested, which was a significant decrease from the previous curfew sweep that yielded 26 juvenile arrests.

The Newport Beach Police Department will continue to actively enforce the Curfew Ordinance for the safety of our youth and to discourage improper behavior.

Additional information regarding the City's Curfew Ordinance can be found at http://www.codepublishing.com/ca/newportbeach/

Marijuana Grow Discovered

On November 22, at 5:30 a.m., Officers were called to the 500 block of Superior Avenue after receiving a call of an "opened door" at a business. As Officers arrived, they observed a door propped open and a window shattered. The Officers entered the location to investigate and found that the building had been converted into a large indoor marijuana grow-house. The investigation further revealed that the location had



been entered, and that the burglars stole several marijuana plants. The Officers removed over 24 plants from the location, ranging from two to four feet in height. The case is currently under investigation.

Jay R. Johnson CHIEF OF POLICE

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Manager's Newsletter

To: David A. Kiff, City Manager

From: Stephen G. Badum, Public Works Director

Date: January 7, 2011

Lifeguard Headquarters Roof Replacement Completed

The deteriorated flat roof atop the center portion of the Lifeguard Headquarters building has been replaced. The new 20-year roof means lifeguard staff will no longer need to position ice chests and buckets along the interior hallways and offices to capture the

rain water that infiltrated the old roof. Many thanks to the staff from the Fire Department and Municipal Operations Department for assisting with the execution of this project, which helped to keep the down time of the rooftop communications and HVAC systems to a minimum.

While there were no reports of water leakage at the Harbor Resources buildings, staff took a proactive stance towards maintaining city facilities and replaced the deteriorated missing roof shingles over those

buildings as a part of the contract. According to the Contractor's assessment, the new shingles will keep the Harbor Resources buildings watertight for at least another five years.

New City Restaurant Inspection Procedures

One of the many types of required inspections under our NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Stormwater Permit is monitoring restaurants to check they properly handle their waste (grease interceptors, refuse, and food/grease

disposal). The attached photos will give you an idea of how not to handle grease waste. PW Water Quality staff in partnership with Orange County Health Care Agency perform these restaurant inspections.

The City is required to track and report on the inspections which, in the past, have been a cumbersome and time consuming task. (Keep in mind we have 387 food facilities currently on the list.) Utilizing the expertise of Wayning Hsu in the IT

Utilizing the expertise of Wayning Hsu in the IT Division and Cassi Palmer in Code Enforcement, Shane Burckle instituted a new process where inspections are now tracked in Permits Plus. The new program has built-in reports and inspection response letters. With only a few mouse clicks we can now generate our required reports and inspection notices. This new capability saves staff time and enables us to respond in an even more timely fashion.





To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

Date: January 7, 2011



ACTIVE KIDZ SIGNS

Two new signs were installed at Mariners and Harbor View elementary schools. These signs provide an onsite meeting location for the Active Kidz after school program, so children know where to meet staff. Active Kidz began its 2nd trimester January 3rd, so placement of these signs was important for newcomers to the program. These signs were made by the City of Newport Beach Sign Shop and installed by Maintenance Worker Eric Foley.

YOUTH SPORTS COMMISSION MEETS

The Youth Sports Commission met December 8 for the bi-annual meeting. The main purpose of their meeting is to determine field usage for the next major season – in this case, spring 2011. Current Commission Members include Newport Beach Little League, AYSO Regions 57 and 97, Newport Harbor Baseball Association, Newport Mesa Girls Fast pitch Softball, Junior All American Football, and assorted Club teams. Also attending the meeting were staff from Recreation, Parks and PB&R Commission Tom Anderson.

Good things happen when like-minded people meet together face-to-face, and the Youth Sports Commission is a perfect example: this group has always come together in a spirit of cooperation to resolve issues.

YOUTH COUNCIL GEARS UP FOR A BUSY YEAR

The Newport Beach Youth Council has just completed its third meeting of the year, and their plans are ambitious, much like their attendance. At 38 members strong and representing 5 different high schools, this is the largest Youth Council in recent history. Twenty four members worked at the Winter Wonderland event, making and selling food items, working the Santa Claus photo booth, and manning several craft booths, while raising close to \$800.

They are also planning a fundraiser with the Princeton Review: an SAT/ACT practice test open to all underclassmen to be held on February 12 at the Lincoln Gym. The Council is hoping to raise enough money to bring a tolerance program called Challenge Day back to Newport Beach teens next year.

On March 3, Youth Government Day is scheduled and will feature a Mock City Council meeting as its highlight. Another project under development is a Youth Service Project sponsored the national Jefferson Awards to involve teens in an ongoing volunteer projects.

ACTIVE NET MEMBERSHIP FOR LAP SWIM

This week the new membership system was introduced to lap swimmers at the Marian Bergeson Aquatic Center. The system runs through the registration software program Active Net, and will allow participants to purchase lap swim passes that operate through a scanning system at the pool. Participants may purchase both punch and annual passes. This system will make purchasing and using passes more efficient for both swimmers, and will help staff to better track enrollments and pool use. This system is already being used at the OASIS Fitness Center which is proving to be an efficient and powerful benefit of the newly purchased software program by Recreation and Senior Services.





REPAIRS TO NCCC

The Newport Coast Community Center underwent some minor repairs and maintenance during the holiday break so classes and programs would not be affected. Notably, the wood floors in the Newport Coast and Willinger rooms were cleaned and resurfaced, providing better floor space for dance, fitness, and other programs.

Additionally, new palm trees were installed in the outdoor planter pots just outside the lobby of the center, giving the facility a different feel. These trees are replacements for the small pines that did not thrive well in the pots.

During the unprecedented rains just before the holiday break, many areas of the NCCC building leaked or flooded. Water was found in the insulation, lobby, and most of the classrooms, either leaking through the roof or through the windows. Staff is working to remedy these issues to prevent further damage of the facility.

OASIS FITNESS CENTER NEWS

After being closed for the holiday, the OASIS Senior Center was back up and running at a very fast pace. The Fitness Center in particular was inundated with people working off those holiday pounds with 30 new memberships purchased on Monday, January 3. Fitness Membership is now at 1017.

The winter line up of classes begins this week with many classes filled to capacity. The new Center is definitely drawing a big interest from the community and staff continues to provide tours to new people daily.

New this month is an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, a Wine and Cheese Party, memory screenings, Canine Companions for Independence presentation, and the Friends Pancake Breakfast.

Quote of the Day

To sit back hoping that someday, someway, someone will make things right is to go on feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last — but eat you he will.

-Ronald Reagan

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Upcoming Events	Date	<u>Time</u>	Responsible Staff	Phone	Location
All My Sons	1/21-2/20	8pm	NTAC	631-0288	NTAC
Spring Registration for Classes	3/3	8am	Raquel Valdez	644-3156	All over the City
Camp Expo @ Spirit Run	3/27	5am	Raquel Valdez	644-3156	Fashion Island
CPRS Banquet	3/17	6pm	Matt Lohr	644-3164	OASIS
City Youth Track Meet	4/8	4:30pm	Angie Ernst/Scott W	644-3145	CdMHS
OASIS Pancake Breakfast	2/5	8:00	Celeste	644-3244	OASIS
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